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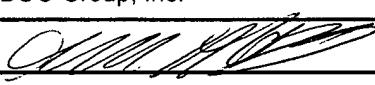
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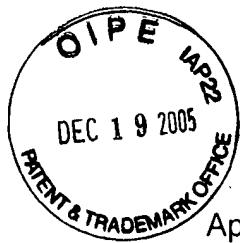
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In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005 applicant makes the following remarks.

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-7, classified in class 118, subclass 719; and

Group II, claims 8-20 classified in class 427, subclass 255.5.

Further, though not mentioned by the Examiner, it is noted that Group I relates to apparatus and Group II relates to methods.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 8-20 directed to a deposition method.

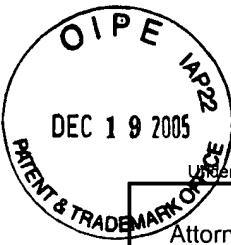
Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file divisional applications at a later date, on inventions not elected in this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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